

2006 CLS-Class
CLS 500 CLS 55 AMG

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A CLAY MODEL.



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WE START WITH A
SOUL.



Who you are didn't happen overnight. It's rooted in your family history, shaped by life's experiences, and evident in your ability to continually redefine your potential. This same depth of character, descended from the very first car, is what defines a Mercedes-Benz. The new CLS-Class offers expressive style, poised performance and an exquisitely crafted 4-seat cabin—like history's most celebrated coupes, but redefined in four doors. It's the heart of a coupe and the soul of a Mercedes-Benz.

INTRODUCING THE WORLD'S FIRST 4-DOOR COUPE.

CLS 500 shown in Capri Blue metallic with optional Lighting Package.

SPECIFICATIONS (1 of 2)

ENGINE		CLS 500	CLS 55 AMG ¹
Engine size and type	4,966-cc SOHC 24-valve 90° V-8	5,439-cc AMG-built supercharged SOHC 24-valve 90° V-8	
Construction	High-pressure die-cast alloy cylinder block. Alloy heads	Reinforced high-pressure die-cast alloy cylinder block. Alloy heads	
Net power	302 hp @ 5,600 rpm	469 hp @ 6,100 rpm	
Net torque	339 lb-ft @ 2,700–4,250 rpm	516 lb-ft @ 2,650–4,500 rpm	
Compression ratio	10.0:1	9.0:1	
Induction	Magnesium 2-stage resonance intake manifold increases intake runner length at lower rpm for improved response	Helical high-pressure supercharger with liquid-to-air intercooler	
Fuel and ignition system	ME 2.8 engine management. Integrated sequential multipoint fuel injection and phased twin-spark ignition includes individual cylinder control of fuel spray, spark timing/phase, and antiknock. Electronic throttle. Two high-energy ignition coils and two spark plugs per cylinder, with 100,000-mile spark plug intervals		
Fuel tank (capacity—reserve)	21.1 gal/80.0 liters—2.4 gal/9.0 liters	21.1 gal/80.0 liters—2.4 gal/9.0 liters	
Fuel requirement	Premium unleaded gasoline , 91 pump octane	Premium unleaded gasoline , 91 pump octane	
DRIVETRAIN			
Transmission type	7-speed automatic	AMG-enhanced 5-speed automatic with AMG SpeedShift™ programming and fingertip manual mode	
Transmission features	Electronically controlled shifting. Driver-adaptive programming adjusts shift points to the driver's current driving style. Touch Shift allows driver to manually downshift and allow upshifts by nudging the shift lever left or right from the Drive position. Shift into Optimum Gear programming allows one-touch selection of the best gear for maximum acceleration or engine braking by holding the shift lever to the left of Drive for one second. Driver-selectable Comfort mode starts vehicle moving in 2nd gear or a second Reverse gear, and upshifts at lower rpm, to help improve control on slippery surfaces		
AMG SpeedShift and fingertip manual mode	Not available	AMG SpeedShift programming provides up to 35% faster gear changes, automatically downshifts during braking, prevents unwanted upshifting in corners, and features torque converter lockup in all forward gears. Fingertip manual mode allows direct-access shifting through forward gears via buttons on back of upper steering-wheel spokes (left button downshifts, right button upshifts) or via Touch Shift feature of shift lever, and will automatically intervene only to select 1st gear when the vehicle stops. In Sport and Comfort modes, the steering-wheel buttons operate the Touch Shift feature	
Fingertip shift control	Included with optional AMG Sport Package, fingertip shift control allows driver to operate Touch Shift via rocker-type buttons on back of upper steering-wheel spokes (both buttons upshift and downshift)		
Drive configuration	Rear-wheel drive	Rear-wheel drive	
Rear axle ratio	2.65:1	2.65:1	
TRACTION / STABILITY			
Electronic Stability Program	ESP compares the driver's intended course, via steering and braking inputs, to the vehicle's response, via lateral acceleration, rotation (yaw) and individual wheel speeds. ESP then brakes individual front or rear wheels and/or reduces excess engine power as needed to help correct understeer (plowing) or oversteer (fishtailing). ESP also integrates all-speed traction control, which senses drive-wheel slip under acceleration and individually brakes the slipping wheel or wheels, and/or reduces excess engine power, until control is regained ²		
PERFORMANCE			
Acceleration , 0–60 mph ³	5.9 seconds	4.5 seconds	
Fuel economy , EPA estimate ⁴ highway estimate ⁵	Information not available at time of printing. See your dealer	Information not available at time of printing. See your dealer	

¹ Delayed availability. See your dealer.

² No system, regardless of how advanced, can overcome physics or correct careless driving. Please always wear your seat belt.

³ Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending upon model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, elevation and vehicle load.

⁴ 2006 EPA estimated fuel economy. Compare the estimated mpg to the estimated mpg of other vehicles. You may get different mileage depending on how fast you drive, weather conditions and trip length.

⁵ Your actual highway mileage will probably be less than the highway estimate.

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CHASSIS	CLS 500	CLS 55 AMG ¹
Suspension	Front: Independent 4-link . Antidive geometry. Stabilizer bar. Rear: Independent 5-arm multilink with aluminum links and wheel-hub carriers, and geometry for antisquat and alignment control. Stabilizer bar	Front: Independent 4-link . Antidive geometry. Enlarged stabilizer bar. Rear: Independent 5-arm multilink with aluminum links and wheel-hub carriers, and geometry for antisquat and alignment control. Enlarged stabilizer bar
Airmatic DC air suspension with Adaptive Damping System (ADS II)	Airmatic Dual Control is a semi-active suspension that provides greater ride comfort yet responds to reduce pitch, dive and roll during braking, accelerating and cornering by instantaneously firming up spring rates as driving dynamics change. Electronically controlled pneumatic spring-struts integrate variable-rate shock absorbers and coil springs. ADS II continually optimizes ride and handling by automatically selecting one of four damping profiles for each spring-strut every time a wheel changes its direction of up-down travel. Dual driver-selectable sport modes engage firmer damping profiles either full-time or at lower thresholds of body movement. Automatic 4-wheel level control includes driver-selectable ride-height control, and automatic speed-sensitive lowering at higher speeds or when in sport mode ²	
Steering	Rack-and-pinion with vehicle-speed-sensitive power assist and integrated hydraulic damper	Rack-and-pinion with vehicle-speed-sensitive power assist and integrated hydraulic damper
Steering-wheel turns	2.6 lock-to-lock	2.6 lock-to-lock
Turning circle	36.7 ft/ 11.2 m curb-to-curb	36.7 ft/ 11.2 m curb-to-curb

WHEELS / TIRES		
Wheels , aluminum-alloy Optional AMG Sport Package	5-twin spoke , 8.5Jx18 front—9.5Jx18 rear Polished AMG double-spoke , 8.5Jx18 front—9.5Jx18 rear ³	AMG thin-spoke monoblock , 8.5Jx19 front—9.5Jx19 rear ³ Not available
Tires , steel-belted radial Optional AMG Sport Package	245/40 ZR18 front—275/35 ZR18 rear, high-performance ⁴ 255/40 ZR18 front—285/35 ZR18 rear, high-performance ³	255/35 ZR19 front—285/30 ZR19 rear, high-performance ³ Not available

BRAKES		
Brake system	4-circuit electrohydraulic 4-wheel disc	AMG-enhanced 4-circuit electrohydraulic 4-wheel disc
Brake discs—calipers, front Brake discs—calipers, rear	13.0" ventilated discs—4-piston fixed calipers 11.8" ventilated discs—single-piston floating calipers	14.2" perforated and ventilated discs—AMG 8-piston fixed calipers 13.0" perforated and ventilated discs—AMG 4-piston fixed calipers
Sensotronic Brake Control	Sensotronic electrohydraulic braking transmits brake pressure individually to each wheel based on driver input and various vehicle parameters. Sensotronic more precisely controls brake pressure at each wheel in normal braking, emergency stopping and ESP activity. ⁵ Automatic Brake Drying applies the brakes lightly and briefly based on windshield wiper use and driver braking intervals, to reduce moisture on the brake surfaces in wet weather. Predictive Brake Priming sets the brake pads near to the discs when the driver quickly releases the accelerator, for faster brake response	
Antilock Braking System and Brake Assist	ABS senses impending wheel lockup under heavy braking and pumps the front brakes individually or the rear brakes together (to help maintain stability) as needed up to 30 times per second, to prevent lockup and maintain steering ability. Sensotronic eliminates the pedal pulsation commonly associated with conventional brake systems and ABS. Brake Assist senses emergency braking via the speed at which the driver presses the brake pedal and immediately applies maximum available power boost, potentially reducing the overall stopping distance by eliminating the delay caused by a common human tendency not to brake hard enough, soon enough. Letting up on the brake pedal releases Brake Assist ⁶	

EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS	CLS 500	CLS 55 AMG
Wheelbase	112.4 in/2,854 mm	112.4 in/2,854 mm
Overall length	193.0 in/4,910 mm	193.0 in/4,910 mm
Overall height	54.7 in/1,390 mm	54.7 in/1,390 mm
Overall width	73.7 in/1,873 mm	73.7 in/1,873 mm
Track, front	62.5 in/1,587 mm	62.9 in/1,599 mm
Track, rear	63.0 in/1,600 mm	62.3 in/1,583 mm
Drag coefficient	0.30	0.31
Curb weight	3,992 lb/1,810 kg	4,069 lb/1,845 kg

INTERIOR DIMENSIONS	CLS 500	CLS 55 AMG
Headroom, front	36.9 in/936 mm	36.9 in/936 mm
Legroom, front	42.1 in/1,070 mm	42.1 in/1,070 mm
Shoulder room, front	56.3 in/1,429 mm	56.3 in/1,429 mm
Headroom, rear	36.1 in/917 mm	36.1 in/917 mm
Legroom, rear	35.0 in/888 mm	35.0 in/888 mm
Shoulder room, rear	56.0 in/1,422 mm	56.0 in/1,422 mm
Cabin capacity	104.3 cu ft/2,953 liters	104.3 cu ft/2,953 liters
Cargo capacity	15.9 cu ft/450 liters	15.9 cu ft/450 liters

¹ Delayed availability. See your dealer.

² Please obey local speed laws.

³ AMG 18" and 19" wheels and accompanying high-speed-rated tires provide substantially increased treadwear and reduced ride comfort compared to H-rated tires. Serious wheel and tire damage may occur if the vehicle is operated on rough or damaged road surfaces or upon encountering road debris or obstacles.

⁴ Z-rated tires are optimized for performance driving and may provide reduced ride comfort, increased tire noise, substantially increased treadwear and greater susceptibility to damage compared with H-rated tires.

⁵ No system, regardless of how advanced, can overcome physics or correct careless driving. Please always wear your seat belt.

⁶ Braking effectiveness also depends on proper brake system maintenance, and tire and road conditions.

EQUIPMENT (1 of 2)

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EXTERIOR FEATURES

■	–	Silver grille with four chrome ribs
–	■	Silver grille with three chrome ribs
□ ²	■	AMG-design front apron with mesh intake, side sills and rear apron
■	–	Dual chrome exhaust tips
–	■	AMG dual exhaust system with four polished stainless-steel tips
■	■	Power tilt/sliding tinted glass sunroof with one-touch express-open/close and memory
■	■	Dual power mirrors, linked to driver's seat memory and automatically heated. Auto-dimming left-side mirror. Parking-assist right-side mirror
■	■	Blue-tinted glass. Electrically heated rear window with auto-shutoff based on time and outside temperature
■	■	Dual aero-blade windshield wipers. Rain-sensing intermittent wipers. Heated windshield washer nozzles
■	■	Variable-focus halogen headlamps with projector low beams and clear high-impact polycarbonate lenses. Halogen front foglamps, in front apron. Single red rear foglamp, integrated in left taillamp
■	■	Driver-selectable light-sensing headlamps. Driver-programmable Daytime Running Lamps. Automatic lamp substitution uses a nearby lamp if a critical bulb fails
■	■	Touch Turn Signals flash three times with one touch of turn-signal lever, for lane-changing. Auxiliary LED turn signal indicators are integrated with side mirror housings

LOCKING / SECURITY

■	■	SmartKey uses an electronic code to unlock the steering column and ignition. Removing SmartKey from ignition disables engine computer to help prevent unauthorized starting
■	■	SmartKey remote control integrates: Door lock/unlock buttons. Trunk opener. Removable valet key. Panic alarm. Driver may selectively unlock only the driver's door and fuel filler, or all doors plus the trunk and fuel filler
■	■	SmartKey offers infrared-remote opening/closing of windows and sunroof, and can remotely turn on Active Ventilated front seats ³
■	■	Driver-programmable user-recognition feature links each SmartKey to driver's preferences (up to three individual users per car) for: Driver's seat memory settings (all 3 presets, including steering column and outside mirrors). Various climate control settings. Programmable vehicle settings from multifunction display
■	■	Driver-programmable driveaway locking automatically locks the doors when the car reaches 9 mph
■	■	Night security illumination uses the car's exterior lights to help illuminate a path after parking. Driver-programmable intervals allow lights to stay on for 60, 45, 30 or 15 seconds, or not at all

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LOCKING / SECURITY continued

■	■	Locator lighting uses the car's lights to help light a return path when the car is remote-unlocked in darkness. Unlocking car activates illuminated entry system
■	■	Automatic antitheft alarm system with towaway protection and remote panic feature
■	■	Emergency trunk release, located inside trunk and illuminated for 60 minutes after trunk is closed
■	■	Integrated 3-button garage door control, compatible with HomeLink®
■	■	Tele Aid GPS-based Stolen Vehicle Recovery allows law enforcement agencies to track and recover stolen vehicle. Tele Aid Remote Door Unlock allows owner to have doors remote-unlocked in the event the SmartKey becomes locked inside vehicle. Tele Aid Automatic Alarm Notification alerts Mercedes-Benz to contact vehicle owner if antitheft alarm sounds ⁴

INTERIOR FEATURES

■	■	Multifunction steering wheel offers convenient, additional controls for basic functions of audio system and phone, ³ plus operation of multifunction display (see Instrumentation, on next page)
■	■	Power windows, all with one-touch express-up/down
■	■	4-way (tilt/telescoping) power steering column, position linked to driver's seat memory
■	■	Driver-programmable easy-exit feature can move driver's seat rearward and/or raise steering column when SmartKey is removed from ignition, and restore positions when key is reinserted
■	■	Electronic cruise control
■	■	Automatic ambient lighting of console, door handles, all four footwells, and the front and rear seating areas
■	■	Four reading lamps. Courtesy lamps with programmable fade-out time. Entrance lamps in all four doors. Dual sun visors with illuminated vanity mirrors. Auto-dimming rearview mirror
■	■	Full-length center console with front and rear storage compartments. Wood-trimmed rolltop covers on rear compartments. Four cupholders. Illuminated glovebox. Storage behind motorized wood-trimmed door in dash. 12-volt power outlet in rear storage compartment
■	■	Folding rear center armrest with storage. Magazine pockets on front seatbacks. Pockets in all doors. Parcel net in right front footwell. Illuminated, carpeted trunk with 12-volt power outlet in side panel
■	■	4-zone CFC-free automatic climate control. Rear-cabin operating panel with dual temperature controls and air vents in console. Electrostatic dust and pollen filter. Sun sensor. Humidity/dewpoint sensor helps reduce window fogging during humid weather, and helps prevent overdrying of cooled air. Tunnel mode offers one-touch closing of all windows, the sunroof and cabin air intake

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■ STANDARD
□ OPTIONAL
– NOT AVAILABLE

SEATING

■	■	10-way power front seats, each with 3-position memory. Driver's adjustable lumbar support
–	■	AMG-design sport front seats
□ ²	■	Heated front seats
□ ²	■	Multicontour front seats, with pneumatically adjustable side bolsters, thigh support and dual lumbar supports
■	–	Premium leather upholstery on all seat surfaces, armrests and door trim inserts. Leather-trimmed steering wheel and shift knob
–	■	AMG-design Nappa leather upholstery with Alcantara shoulder areas. AMG-design leather-trimmed sport steering wheel with raised thumbgrips and fingertip manual shift controls. Leather-trimmed AMG-design shift knob. Stainless-steel pedals with rubber studs
■	■	Hand-finished Matte Burl Walnut wood trim. (High-polish Laurel wood optional at no additional charge)
■	■	Chrome-plated door sill trim (with AMG insignia on CLS 55 AMG)
■	■	Velour floor carpeting and floor mats (AMG mats on CLS 55 AMG)

AUDIO / TELEMATICS

■	■	Modular COMAND Cockpit Management and Data system integrates: AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio. Single-CD player. Large color-LCD screen. Controls for optional in-dash 6-CD changer and phone
■	–	9-speaker audio system with 4-channel amplifier and automatic speed-sensitive volume adjustment
□ ²	■	harman/kardon® LOGIC7® digital surround sound system, with 12 speakers (including dual surround speakers) plus a subwoofer, 7.1-channel amplifier, multichannel digital surround-sound technology, ³ and Digital Dynamic Volume Control
■	■	Fiber-optic network offers precise, high-speed communication among components and includes factory preparation for optional CD changer and phone, and SIRIUS Satellite Radio ⁶ prewiring
■	■	Tele Aid system uses GPS satellites plus a cellular link to provide 24-hour live assistance for: emergency aid (SOS button), information (i-button) or Roadside Assistance (wrench button). Tele Aid Security & Care service includes Automatic Collision Notification, Stolen Vehicle Recovery, Remote Door Unlock service and Dealer Connect ⁴

1 Delayed availability. See your dealer.

2 Also available or only available as part of an Option Package, or may require additional options. See optional equipment listing on next page.

3 When equipped with this option.

4 First year's Tele Aid Security & Care service provided at no additional cost with subscription. Subscription and acquaintance call required for service to be active. System operates only where cellular and GPS coverage are available, and requires adequate power supply. Owner must authorize stolen vehicle tracking with a PIN code and file a police report. See dealer for details of telematics services.

5 Surround sound provided for FM radio, playback of audio CDs and optional SIRIUS Satellite Radio.

EQUIPMENT (2 of 2)

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INSTRUMENTATION		
■	■	Electronic analog speedometer, tachometer and quartz clock, all with deep chrome rings. Electronic bar-graph fuel and coolant temperature gauges. Digital display for odometer and Touch Shift gear/mode selection
■	–	Black gauges with white markings and glacier blue backlighting
–	■	AMG-design ivory-color gauges with soft white backlighting
■	■	Multifunction display in center of speedometer, scrolled via steering-wheel controls to operate and display various menus and vehicle features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Resettable trip meter and outside temperature indicator – Digital speedometer, Maintenance System (see below), and engine oil-level check – Low-tire-pressure warning system – Radio station, CD player/CD changer³ – Navigation system route guidance³ – Distronic adaptive cruise control settings³ – Vehicle reminder and malfunction messages – Driver-programmable settings for instruments, lighting, vehicle and convenience features – Trip computer (elapsed time, fuel consumption, distance to empty) – Mobile phone book³
■	■	Mercedes-Benz Maintenance System Plus displays distance to next basic maintenance service, indicates type of service due, and provides automatic reminder. System also monitors brake-pad wear

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3 When equipped with this option.

4 **WARNING:** THE FORCES OF A DEPLOYING AIR BAG CAN CAUSE SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURY TO A CHILD UNDER AGE 13. THE SAFEST SEATING POSITION FOR YOUR CHILD IS IN THE REAR SEAT, BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED CHILD SEAT, OR CORRECTLY WEARING A SEAT BELT IF TOO LARGE FOR A CHILD SEAT. **A CHILD UNDER 13 MUST NOT USE THE FRONT SEAT** UNLESS THE CHILD IS BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED **BABYSMART-COMPATIBLE** CHILD SEAT. A CHILD UNDER 13 WHO IS TOO LARGE FOR A CHILD SEAT MUST NOT USE THE FRONT SEAT. SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL WARNINGS AND INFORMATION ON AIR BAGS, SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SEATS.

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RESTRAINT SYSTEMS		
■	■	Integrated Restraint System: Driver and front passenger are each provided with an adaptive dual-stage front air bag, side-impact air bag, and 3-point seat belt with an Emergency Tensioning Device (ETD) and belt force limiter. ⁴ Rear passengers are each provided with a side-impact air bag and 3-point seat belt with ETD and belt force limiter.
■	■	Head Protection Curtains: In a side impact exceeding a preset threshold, a multi-chamber air bag deploys along the front and rear side-door windows on the affected side of the car. Integrated rollover sensor automatically deploys the ETDs and, if deemed necessary, the Head Protection Curtains in a detected rollover
■	■	Adaptive dual-stage front air bags are deployed in response to frontal impact severity ⁴
■	■	ETDs are deployed in a front or rear impact exceeding a preset threshold of severity, or certain rollovers. A front ETD will not deploy if seat belt is unfastened
■	■	Tele Aid Automatic Collision Notification engages SOS function if an air bag or ETD deploys ⁵
■	■	Universal LATCH system (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) at rear seating positions. Selectable passenger seat-belt retractors help secure child seats ⁴
■	■	Front seat belts include manually height-adjustable shoulder belts and lower points attached to seat frames. Rear shoulder belts are automatically height-adjusting
■	■	Front head restraints power-adjust for height, manually adjust fore–aft, and automatically height-adjust as seat is moved fore–aft
■	■	Dual rear head restraints, remotely retractable by the driver for improved rearward vision when the rear seats are unoccupied

6 Special-order option. A one-time surcharge applies when any one or more special-order options or color combinations are ordered.

7 See dealer for availability details. While the SIRIUS network of satellite and terrestrial antennas provides nearly seamless service throughout the contiguous U.S., SIRIUS service may be unavailable or interrupted for a variety of reasons, including environmental or topographic conditions; in certain locations such as tunnels, parking garages, or within or next to large buildings; or near other technologies that can interfere with the SIRIUS signal. Programming subject to change. Not available in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico.

8 DVD-ROM maps do not cover all areas nor all routes within an area. One U.S./Canada DVD-ROM is included with vehicle.

9 Standard on CLS 55 AMG.

10 AMG 18" wheels and accompanying high-speed-rated tires provide substantially increased treadwear and reduced ride comfort compared to H-rated tires. Serious wheel and tire damage may occur if the vehicle is operated on rough or damaged road surfaces or upon encountering road debris or obstacles.

11 Not included when ordered in combination with AMG Sport Package.

12 Not available in combination with AMG Sport Package.

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INDIVIDUAL OPTIONS			
□	□	Distronic adaptive cruise control	
□	□	Keyless Go vehicle entry and starting system	
□	□	Electronic trunk closer	
□	■	Heated front seats	
□ ⁶	■	Nappa leather upholstery (AMG-design Nappa on CLS 55 AMG)	
□	□	High-polish Laurel wood interior trim (no charge)	
□ ²	□ ²	Integrated single-feed in-dash 6-disc CD changer	
□	□	SIRIUS Satellite Radio equipment ⁷	
□ ²	□ ²	COMAND-DVD in-dash GPS navigation system, with map database for the contiguous U.S., Canada and Oahu, Hawaii, all on a single DVD. ⁸ DVD-ROM drive concealed in trunk	
□	□	Hands-Free Communication System, with voice control for commonly used telephone and audio system features. (Requires accessory telephone handset and cradle, sold separately. See your dealer for selection)	
□	□	Parktronic audio-visual parking assistance system	
□ ¹	–	Mercedes-Benz extended-mobility (run-flat) tires	
□	–	Metallic paint (no charge)	

OPTION PACKAGES			
□	–	AMG Sport Package: AMG-design lower bodywork. ⁹ Four staggered-width 18" AMG double-spoke wheels with high-performance tires. ¹⁰ Steering wheel-mounted fingertip shift buttons	
□	□	Lighting Package: Bi-Xenon low-beam and high-beam headlamps with active curve illumination system. Heated headlamp washers. CLS 500 adds: Corner-illuminating front foglamps ¹¹	
□	–	Entertainment Package: harman/kardon LOGIC7 digital surround sound system. ^{5,9} Integrated single-feed in-dash 6-disc CD changer	
□	□	Comfort Package: Active Ventilated front seats, with heating feature. Multicontour front seats. ⁹ Power rear-window sunshade. CLS 55 AMG adds: Drive-Dynamic front seats, with adaptive side bolsters that inflate and deflate in response to cornering forces	
□	□	Premium Package: Active Ventilated front seats, with heating feature. Multicontour front seats. ⁹ harman/kardon LOGIC7 digital surround sound system. ^{5,9} Integrated single-feed in-dash 6-disc CD changer. COMAND-DVD navigation system. ⁸ Power rear-window sunshade. CLS 55 AMG adds: Drive-Dynamic front seats	
□ ¹²	–	Trim Package: Wood and leather trimmed steering wheel. Wood shift knob	

CLS-CLASS <i>designo</i> EDITIONS			
□ ¹	□ ¹	See your dealer for information. (Availability is delayed)	

STYLE



DNA TESTING
REVEALS
THE BIOLOGICAL
FATHER.



CLS 500 shown with optional Keyless Go and Lighting Package.

The CLS-Class redefines what a coupe can be, without losing sight of what a Mercedes-Benz must be: passionate, innovative and athletically gifted. The victorious Mercedes Silver Arrows were descended from the Daimler-powered car that won the world's first auto race. The CLS-Class shares this bloodline, along with the heritage of some of the world's most treasured coupes. With its seductively arched roof, broad shoulders, frameless door glass and concealed

B-pillars, it offers the stylish and intimate experience you expect of a coupe—only with the accessibility of four doors. The aggressive stance of staggered-width 18" alloy wheels and tires¹ hints at the physical prowess that lies within. It all comes together in a most definitive statement—a unique blend of sensation and sensibility that is distinctly Mercedes-Benz.

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CLS500 shown with optional Keyless Go, Premium Package and Lighting Package.



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INTERIOR ELEMENTS

IT'S MARKED
PERSONAL
WHEREVER YOU LOOK.

CLS 500 shown in Cashmere Beige and matte Burl Walnut wood with optional Keyless Go and Premium Package.

Chrome-ringed gauges



Elegant detail stitching



It's the hallmark of a luxury coupe: an interior that embraces you and creates a truly inviting environment. The CLS-Class welcomes you with an enthralling expanse of hand-finished wood—the largest single piece ever used in a modern Mercedes. Soft textures and organic shapes abound. And while the logical controls may put a wealth of information at your fingertips, a single touch of the richly crafted materials will tell you everything you need to know.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

High-performance automobiles are complex, but driving one doesn't have to be. COMAND—our standard Cockpit Management and Data system—features a large color-LCD screen and integrates the radio, CD player, and optional DVD-based navigation system and portable phone, to simplify multiple tasks and put important information easily at hand. COMAND can even be accessed through steering wheel-mounted controls and a multifunction display in the speedometer face. Simple iconic controls let you adjust the 10-way power front seats easily, while the optional in-dash 6-disc CD changer is cleverly concealed behind a motorized wood-trimmed door for a clean look. If all of this leaves you with the impression that nothing is too small for us to fuss over, you're right.

Optional in-dash 6-CD changer



10-way power front seats



INTERIOR LUXURY

INDULGENCE SHOULD BE SHARED.



OPTIONAL HARMAN/KARDON SURROUND SOUND

The available harman/kardon® LOGIC7® sound system features 12 speakers and a 7.1-channel amplifier, and provides multichannel digital surround sound for FM radio, CD playback and the optional SIRIUS Satellite Radio. Using technology originally developed for the professional recording industry and optimized for the CLS-Class interior, it immerses you in sensual sound.

4-ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL

With four individual digital temperature and airflow controls and a separate rear-cabin control panel, your comfort is assured. The climate control system is so advanced, it employs a sun sensor that helps it compensate for directional sunlight.

FULL-LENGTH CENTER CONSOLE

It's not only functional, but also a work of art. The roltop covers for the rear console compartments are each covered in matte-finish Burl Walnut wood—or high-polish Laurel wood as a no-cost option—that has been laser-cut from a single piece for continuity of grain. Inside, another luxurious touch awaits, as the main compartment is richly lined like a jewel case.

Coupes by nature tend to be selfish. They surround you in the cozy ambience that a rakish roofline can create, and ensconce you in a very personal space. But unlike conventional two-door bodystyles, the unique 4-door design of the CLS-Class provides intimacy without entanglements. Whether you're nestled in the 10-way power front seats or lounging in the individually contoured rear seats, you'll enjoy the warmth of hand-fitted leather upholstery and a full-length center console awash in hand-finished wood. And since warmth can come in many forms, we've also provided the added indulgence of standard 4-zone digital climate control.



CLS500 shown in Cashmere Beige and Matte Burl Walnut wood with optional Nappa leather and Premium Package.

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WE'LL GIVE YOU
469 REASONS
TO STAY OUT OF ITS WAY.



CLS 55 AMG shown in Iridium Silver metallic with optional Lighting Package.

AMG



Combine the passionate design of the CLS-Class with AMG's fanatical devotion to performance and you have the CLS 55 AMG, a car that loves to live on the leading edge. With a supercharged V-8 producing 469 hp and AMG SpeedShift™ technology providing 35% faster shifts, 60 mph gets brushed aside in a mere 4.5 seconds,¹ leaving only the rumble from four polished stainless-steel exhaust tips in its wake. Distinctive styling – from the prominent 3-rib grille, chiseled front apron and side sills, and subtle rear lip spoiler – serves a visual warning to all that cross its path. Oh, and did we mention that the CLS 55 AMG also offers the civility and refinement found in every Mercedes-Benz? Better make that 470 reasons.

1 Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending upon model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, elevation and vehicle load. 2 AMG 19" wheels and accompanying high-speed-rated tires provide substantially increased treadwear and reduced ride comfort compared to H-rated tires. Serious wheel and tire damage may occur if the vehicle is operated on rough or damaged road surfaces or upon encountering road debris or obstacles.

BEHIND THE WHEEL

There's no denying the visual impact of staggered-width 19" double-spoke AMG wheels and the visceral impact of 255/35 R19 front and 285/30 R19 rear high-performance tires.² Look deeper and you'll find the awesome braking power of 8-piston front calipers gripping massive 14.2" perforated discs. And to enhance the strength of the brake discs, the perforations are cast in place, since drilling could create stress points.

CLS 55 AMG

THIS YEAR'S LOOK IN INTIMATE APPAREL FOR THE ENTHUSIAST.

For those very special moments, we've made sure the CLS 55 AMG is properly attired. Multicontour front seats let you fine-tune your comfort with pneumatically adjustable side bolsters and lumbar supports. Rich perforated Nappa leather upholstery is accented by Alcantara trim in the shoulder areas and topstitching all around. And for a most intimate driving experience, Formula One-style manual shift buttons are located a mere fingertip's reach away on the steering wheel. Stylish, sporty and seductive, the CLS 55 AMG is what every enthusiast will want to be seen in for 2006.



CLS 55 AMG shown in Black leather and Matte Burl Walnut wood with optional Distronic cruise control, Keyless Go, and Premium Package.

GAUGE REACTION

A 200-mph speedometer¹ is a rare thrill by any measure. And with its deep-set ivory-color instruments highlighted by bright red indicators, the CLS 55 AMG is stimulating at any rate of travel.

STYLE BY THE FOOT

Form meets function wherever you look in the CLS 55 AMG. A perfect example: racing-inspired pedals featuring the cool looks of stainless steel teamed with grippy black rubber studs.

¹ Top speed electronically limited to 155 mph. Obey all speed laws.



PERFORMANCE

There's a difference between style and design. Great design must include equally outstanding function. So when the breathtaking lines of the CLS-Class were drawn, we never lost sight of performance. That's why under that sleek hood is a powerful and responsive 302-hp V-8 in the CLS 500, and an earth-trembling supercharged 469-hp V-8 in the CLS 55 AMG. Each is teamed to an advanced automatic transmission that adapts to your driving style and features Touch Shift control for the joy of manual-style shifting. All because the excitement of owning a Mercedes-Benz has to be far more than skin deep.

IT'S EVEN
FASTER
THAN IT LOOKS.

STRONG

A 5.0-liter V-8 pumping out 302 hp and 339 lb-ft of torque is impressive, but with the CLS 500, it's only the start. The V-8 engine's broad, flat torque band means responsive acceleration at any speed—including a spirited 5.9-second 0-60 sprint.¹ Enhancing the experience is the industry's first 7-speed automatic transmission. With a wider range of gears than traditional automatics, you can always be in the ideal gear for rapid acceleration, while at cruising speeds you can enjoy a quieter ride and improved fuel economy. The well-mannered 7-speed even adapts to your driving style: Drive more enthusiastically, and it shifts at higher rpm. When you're in a more relaxed mood, it glides between gears to maximize efficiency.

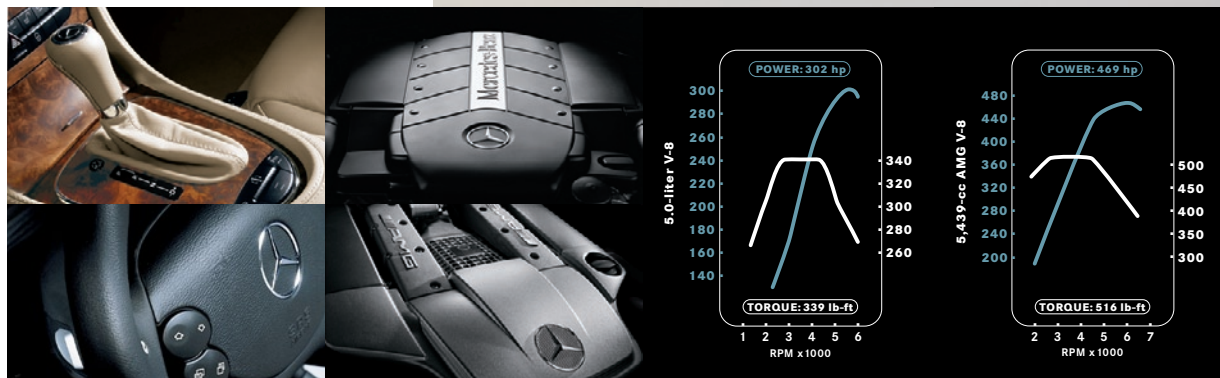


CLS 500 shown in Capri Blue metallic with optional Keyless Go and Lighting Package.

EXTRA-STRENGTH

If the CLS-Class pushes the envelope of design, the CLS 55 AMG's 469-hp Kompressor V-8 makes sure it's nothing less than express delivery. Handcrafted by a single technician who affixes his signature to it, each engine features such racing-derived ingredients as aluminum pistons forged for strength, crankshafts individually balanced to reduce vibration, and camshafts aggressively profiled for a spine-tingling rush to redline. For maximum exhilaration, the V-8 employs a helical supercharger and liquid-to-air intercooler for a 516 lb-ft rush of torque starting at just 2,650 rpm. With a driver-adaptive 5-speed automatic transmission offering the manual control of steering wheel-mounted buttons, 0-60 mph in a scorching 4.5 seconds¹ can be yours in a snap.

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HANDLING



MULTILINK SUSPENSION

For legendary control, the CLS-Class employs a 4-wheel multilink suspension featuring antidive geometry for exceptional poise, even under severe braking. A Mercedes innovation, the 5-arm rear multilink design controls rear-wheel movement with outstanding precision, making it ideal for rear-wheel drive—the choice of driving enthusiasts for its pure power delivery and precise steering feel.



AIRMATIC DUAL CONTROL

Airmatic DC semi-active air suspension provides optimal ride comfort, yet instantly firms up as driving dynamics demand crisp response. Self-leveling Airmatic can even raise or lower the ride height—automatically, or at your pushbutton command.

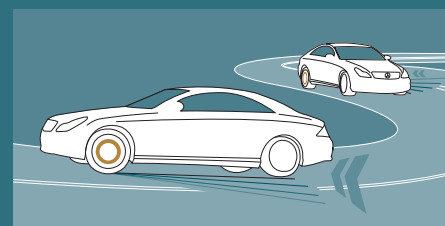


ADAPTIVE DAMPING SYSTEM

The Adaptive Damping System (ADS II) lets you tailor your driving experience with three selectable driving modes—two for sport and one for comfort—at the touch of a button. ADS II continually optimizes ride and handling by individually adjusting each wheel's shock-absorber rate every time the wheel changes its direction of up-down travel.

ADMIT IT. YOU LIKE TO TAKE CONTROL.

While the CLS-Class is designed to treat everyone on board exceedingly well, we do play favorites—the driver comes first. So if you have a controlling interest in an automobile, you'll be pleased to find an advanced semi-active air suspension that gives precise response and lets you dial in your preferred blend of ride and handling. It only takes one turn to appreciate the outstanding road feel of speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering, and with our pioneering ESP stability control, the unmatched confidence to handle whatever may come your way.



ELECTRONIC STABILITY PROGRAM

The CLS-Class has ESP, a handling advantage that allows it to react quickly and confidently to the onset of skidding in curves. ESP continuously monitors your steering and braking actions while you're cornering and compares them to the actual vehicle path. If it senses the onset of plowing (understeer) or fishtailing (oversteer), ESP brakes individual wheels and/or reduces excess engine power, to help keep you on course.¹ ESP also incorporates traction control to help control wheelspin during acceleration.

1 No system, regardless of how advanced, can overcome physics or correct careless driving. Please always wear your seat belt.

CLS 500 shown in Iridium Silver metallic with optional AMG Sport Package.

WE'VE SPENT
65 YEARS
PREPARING FOR THE NEXT
1/4 SECOND.

ENHANCED 4-WHEEL DISC BRAKES

An advanced 4-wheel disc braking system includes 4-piston front calipers for impressive stopping power. Equally impressive, the electrohydraulic braking system in the CLS-Class can automatically determine the most effective brake pressure to apply at each wheel individually, adding up to better control. Lift your foot off the accelerator quickly, and the system sets the brake pads nearer to the discs for even quicker response. Turn on the windshield wipers, and periodically and imperceptibly the brakes are applied to keep them drier and ready for action.

EMERGENCY-SENSING BRAKE ASSIST

Mercedes-Benz research has shown that drivers tend not to brake hard enough, soon enough, in an emergency. Our engineers developed Brake Assist to help overcome this tendency. Upon sensing panic stopping based on the speed at which you depress the brake pedal, Brake Assist automatically applies all available power braking boost immediately. By helping to eliminate the delay caused by human nature, Brake Assist can potentially reduce your overall stopping distance when it matters most.¹



While the protective systems of the CLS-Class are quite complex, our underlying philosophy of safety is quite simple. First, the most survivable accident is the one that never happens. So along with its responsive handling, the CLS-Class features pioneering Mercedes-Benz safety technology such as ESP stability control, all-speed traction control, and emergency-sensing Brake Assist. If avoidance is impossible, the CLS is designed to protect you with an advanced integrated restraint system that includes a rollover sensor and the 10-way protection of eight air bags, all wrapped in a tremendously strong body structure. And while we hope you'll never experience an accident, we've been researching and innovating to better protect you in those precious moments for well over half a century.



ROLLOVER SENSOR

If the CLS senses certain rollovers, it will automatically deploy the seat-belt Emergency Tensioning Devices to help reduce occupant movement and, if deemed necessary, inflate the Head Protection Curtains.²



SIDE-IMPACT PROTECTION

Reinforced doors, side sills and floorpan are part of an integrated safety design that also includes high-strength seat structures, all of which work in concert to afford considerable protection in side impacts. Four side-impact air bags and Head Protection Curtains further enhance occupant protection.

10-WAY AIR BAG PROTECTION

Every CLS features the 10-way protection of an eight-air-bag system—dual-stage front air bags, front and rear side-impact air bags, and full-length Head Protection Curtains that deploy along the door windows on the affected side—to help protect both front and rear occupants from head injury and broken glass in certain side impacts or rollovers.²

BODY STRUCTURE AND CRUMPLE ZONES

The CLS-Class uses advanced technology and robust materials to create a virtual fortress for its four occupants. High-strength/low-alloy steel is used in critical areas throughout the vehicle. Roof pillars employ three layers of steel. Full-width front and rear crossmembers, along with a reinforced floorpan, doors and door sills, combine to provide formidable protection in a variety

of impacts. Advanced front and rear crumple zones progressively deform to help absorb the energy of an impact, while underhood components are staggered to help prevent their stacking up in a severe frontal impact, to reduce the likelihood of intrusion into the cabin. An ellipsoidal front bulkhead helps channel some of the forces of a severe frontal impact under, over and around the passenger cabin.

1 No system, regardless of how advanced, can overcome physics or correct careless driving. Please always wear your seat belt. 2 WARNING: THE FORCES OF A DEPLOYING AIR BAG CAN CAUSE SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURY TO A CHILD UNDER AGE 13. THE SAFEST SEATING POSITION FOR YOUR CHILD IS IN THE REAR SEAT, BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED CHILD SEAT, OR CORRECTLY WEARING A SEAT BELT IF TOO LARGE FOR A CHILD SEAT. A CHILD UNDER 13 MUST NOT USE THE FRONT SEAT UNLESS THE CHILD IS BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED BABYSMART-COMPATIBLE CHILD SEAT. A CHILD UNDER 13 WHO IS TOO LARGE FOR A CHILD SEAT MUST NOT USE THE FRONT SEAT. SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL WARNINGS AND INFORMATION ON AIR BAGS, SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SEATS.



AMG SPORT PACKAGE

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE
POWER
OF A FIRST IMPRESSION.

The first time you see the CLS 500 with the optional AMG Sport Package, you know. From the aggressive AMG-design front air dam to the rear apron draping dual chromed exhaust tips, the message is subtle but unmistakable: Muscle. Talent. Confidence. You can see it in the sculpted side sills and massive 18" AMG double-spoke alloy wheels.¹ You can feel it as you execute shifts through the steering wheel-mounted fingertip shift controls. Is it an unfair world where so much is judged by first meetings? That would depend entirely on the impression that you make.

1 AMG 18" wheels and accompanying high-speed-rated tires provide substantially increased treadwear and reduced ride comfort compared to H-rated tires. Serious wheel and tire damage may occur if the vehicle is operated on rough or damaged road surfaces or upon encountering road debris or obstacles.



CLS 500 shown in Iridium Silver metallic with optional AMG Sport Package.

OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES (1 of 2)

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01 ACTIVE BI-XENON HEADLAMPS AND CORNER-ILLUMINATING FOGLAMPS

Truly visionary thinking, active headlamps monitor your steering angle and driving speed, then shift their beams to either side to better follow the curvature of the road ahead. Part of the CLS-Class Lighting Package, the active headlamps increase usable illumination of curves by up to 90% over conventional headlamps. The package also includes high-performance Bi-Xenon headlamps that produce a bright blue-white light to provide better vision over longer distances when using either low or high beams. They also incorporate dynamic level control to help cut glare, as well as high-pressure washers. On CLS 500 models without the AMG Sport Package, the Lighting Package further includes corner-illuminating front foglamps, which illuminate with the turn signals to help brighten your way into dark driveways or alleys. They are also activated by the steering at speeds up to 25 mph, to help improve the illumination of a curving roadway ahead.

02 DISTRONIC ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL

The first of its kind, Distronic reduces the need to continuously adjust your cruise control setting. By employing a radar signal to monitor your distance to vehicles ahead, the system adjusts to help maintain your speed and preset following distance automatically.¹

03 PARKTRONIC SYSTEM

Parktronic can help you avoid objects that might be outside of your sightlines when parking your CLS-Class. When ultrasonic sensors in the front and rear bumpers detect objects in their field of view, audible signals and illuminated displays on the dash and rear cabin ceiling help you maneuver with confidence.

04 SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO

It's like having a music library of over two million songs in your Mercedes. Optional SIRIUS Satellite Radio² integrates with the standard audio system and controls. Your SIRIUS subscription brings 120 all-digital coast-to-coast channels, with 65 commercial-free channels of music, from rock to country and classical to jazz, plus 55 non-musical channels that cover news, sports—including live games from the NFL[®] NHL[®], and professional basketball—and such well-known names as Discovery Channel, E!, and Radio Disney.

05 MULTICONTOUR AND DRIVE-DYNAMIC FRONT SEATS

Multicontour front seats—standard on the CLS 55 AMG—allow pneumatic adjustment of the side bolsters, thigh supports and dual lumbar supports of each front seat, for more personalized comfort. Drive-Dynamic seats automatically adapt in response to cornering forces, rapidly inflating and deflating the side bolsters for active lateral support.

06 HANDS-FREE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Plug one of our sleek new Motorola digital phones into your CLS-Class and it becomes part of our integrated Hands-Free Communication System.³ With the phone docked in the armrest cradle, your phone book is automatically downloaded into the vehicle while the phone battery charges, and the phone is connected to the vehicle's integrated antenna system. Calls are clearly delivered through the audio system, which automatically mutes the radio or pauses the CD. You can even control calls via the multifunction steering wheel or the integrated voice control system for the phone and audio system. Your Mercedes-Benz dealer offers a selection of the latest Motorola mobile phones for most major carriers.

¹ Distronic adaptive cruise control is no substitute for active driving involvement. It does not react to stationary objects, nor recognize or predict the curvature and lane layout of the road or the movement of vehicles ahead, and it can only apply a maximum of 20% of vehicle braking power. It is the driver's responsibility at all times to be attentive to traffic and road conditions, and to provide the steering, braking and other driving inputs necessary to retain control of the vehicle. ² While the SIRIUS network of satellite and terrestrial antennas provides nearly seamless service throughout the contiguous U.S., SIRIUS service may be unavailable or interrupted for a variety of reasons, including environmental or topographic conditions; in certain locations such as tunnels, parking garages, or within or next to large buildings; or near other technologies that can interfere with the SIRIUS signal. NFL[®] is a registered trademark of the National Football League and its affiliates. NHL[®] is a registered trademark of the National Hockey League. ³ For safety reasons, we encourage the driver to stop the vehicle in a safe place before answering or placing a call. Always dock the phone in the cradle for use inside the vehicle. Operating a phone or radio transmitter with its own attached or built-in antenna while the engine is running can interfere with the vehicle's electronic systems.

OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES (2 of 2)

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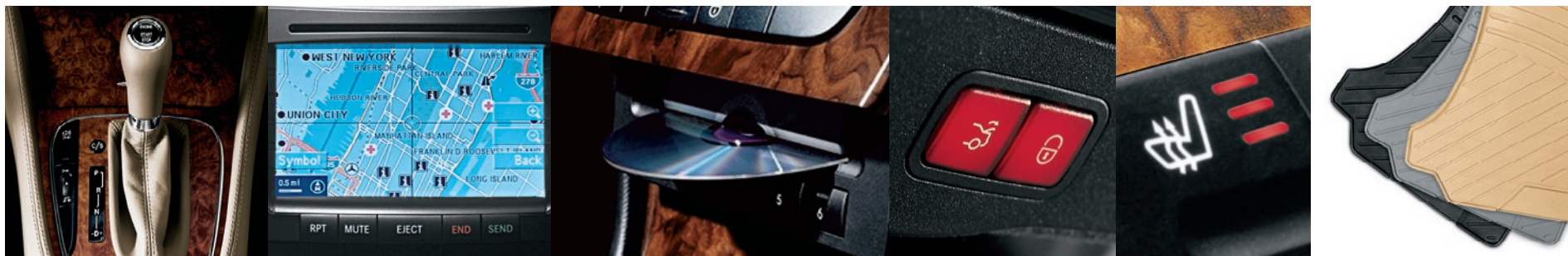
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07 KEYLESS GO

This optional enhancement of the SmartKey system lets you unlock your CLS-Class by grasping the outside door handle—without removing the key from your pocket or purse. Startup is equally easy: Put your foot on the brake, tap the top of the gearshift, and you're ready to take off. After you park, touch a button on the outside door handle to lock the car.

08 COMAND DVD-BASED NAVIGATION

This modular system, available either as a factory option or dealer-installed accessory, uses GPS satellites to determine the location of your car. Detailed driving instructions are provided through the COMAND system's large color-LCD screen, with the maps for the contiguous U.S., Canada and Oahu, Hawaii, on a single trunk-mounted DVD.¹ And to keep your DVD maps and points of interest as up-to-date as possible, ask your dealer about our NavUpdate subscription program, which lets you receive annual DVD updates for up to three years at significant savings.

09 IN-DASH SINGLE-FEED 6-DISC CD CHANGER

The optional 6-CD changer is concealed behind a motorized, wood-trimmed panel in the dash. It lets you load all six discs through a single slot, seamlessly integrates with the audio system via a fiber-optic network, and can be controlled via the multifunction steering wheel.

10 ELECTRONIC TRUNK CLOSER

This convenient option allows you to close the fully open trunk simply by pressing a button on the driver's door or inside the trunk lid. A button on the SmartKey or on the driver's door motors the trunk lid fully open, too—a great convenience when approaching with your arms full of packages.

11 ACTIVE VENTILATED AND HEATED FRONT SEATS

Standard on the CLS 55 AMG and optional on the CLS 500, heated front seats offer three levels of soothing warmth. Active Ventilated front seats, optional on both models, use miniature internal fans to circulate air through perforations in the upholstery, and include the heating feature.

12 ALL-WEATHER FLOOR MATS

These all-season floor mats are a great way to keep the carpet of your CLS-Class in top condition. Deep channels trap large amounts of water, mud and melting snow. They're easy to clean, and available in black, grey or tan, with four mats per set.

13 RUN-FLAT TIRES WITH LOW-PRESSURE WARNING SYSTEM

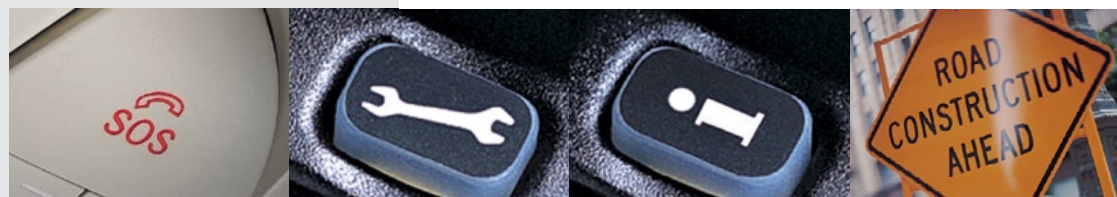
Extended-mobility tires (not shown), a CLS 500 option, can be driven a limited distance after a loss of air pressure in a tire. The low-tire-pressure warning system alerts the driver if a loss of pressure has occurred.

¹ While the navigation system provides directional assistance, the driver must remain focused on safe driving behavior, including paying attention to traffic and street signs. The driver should utilize the system's audio cues while driving and should only consult the map or verbal displays once the vehicle has been stopped in a safe place. DVD-ROM maps do not cover all areas nor all routes within an area.

EIGHT MILLION STORIES IN THE CITY. WE CARE ABOUT YOURS.

TELEMATICS

You'll travel many roads in life, so it's reassuring to know that someone's there to help you—from simple questions to tough situations. Whether it's a greater sense of security, added productivity, or the luxury of convenience, our Tele Aid system and service packages¹ give you a direct connection at the push of a button to Mercedes-Benz support and people who specialize in helping you feel protected, connected and cared for.



SOS BUTTON

When trouble strikes, help for you or others is just the push of a button away. The SOS button connects system subscribers to Mercedes-Benz emergency response personnel who can summon paramedics and police, and call your on-file emergency contacts. And you can feel secure knowing that if your air bag or seat-belt Emergency Tensioning Device deploys, the Automatic Collision Notification feature will place a call for help and alert us to your location by satellite, even if you can't.

WRENCH BUTTON

Press the wrench button to request our legendary Roadside Assistance.² You'll be connected to a trained professional who knows your location, the model of your car, even its color.

i-BUTTON

Information, please. Press the *i*-button and the Mercedes-Benz Customer Assistance Center can help you get answers to vehicle questions or locate your nearest Mercedes-Benz dealer. You can also use the *i*-button to connect to the personal care of our Concierge Service, or the efficiency expertise of our Traffic Information and Route Assistance features—all part of the optional Tele Aid Luxury & Convenience package, described at right.

TELE AID SECURITY & CARE PACKAGE

Security & Care service is our basic Tele Aid service package, and your first year's subscription is included with your new vehicle at no extra charge. The package includes unlimited use of these Tele Aid features: SOS button calling with Automatic Collision Notification, access to Roadside Assistance via the wrench button, Mercedes-Benz Information and Dealer Connect via the *i*-button, as well as our Remote Door Unlock and Stolen Vehicle Recovery services.

TELE AID LUXURY & CONVENIENCE PACKAGE

The optional Luxury & Convenience package includes all of the Security & Care services plus unlimited access to our Tele Aid concierge and traffic services³ via the *i*-button or MBUSA.com. Traffic Information offers real-time, voice-delivered traffic reports based on your current location—within a 5-mile radius of your vehicle, or along any of up to five regular commutes you program at our website. Traffic reports are available in over 100 cities and can be updated every minute. Our operator-delivered nationwide Route Assistance can provide turn-by-turn driving directions. And with our Concierge Service, a personal assistant is there—instantly via the *i*-button or via e-mail—to help you with hotel or dinner reservations (or even recommendations), tickets for a flight or entertainment, directory-available phone numbers and addresses, or sending flowers and gifts. From help making appointments to finding a pet-sitting service, don't be surprised if it seems like our Concierge Service can do it all. Except maybe leaving a mint on your headrest.

¹ First year's Tele Aid Security & Care service provided at no additional cost with subscription. Tele Aid Luxury & Convenience Package is optional at extra cost. Subscription and acquaintance call required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and Global Positioning System coverage are available. See your dealer for more information. ² Roadside Assistance repairs may involve charges for parts, service and towing. Vehicle must be accessible from main roads. Depending on the circumstances, these services may be provided by an outside service, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. For full details of Sign and Drive services, as well as the Roadside Assistance Program, please see your dealer. ³ Performance of automated voice system may vary with ambient noise. Traffic information is based on available broadcast data and is not available in all areas. Route assistance is limited to available digitized map data which does not include all areas or routes within an area.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

A COMMITMENT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.

CLS 500 shown in Bordeaux Red metallic with optional Keyless Go.



The innovative spirit that drives us to create some of the world's finest vehicles is directly reflected in an impressive selection of owner benefits. Consider the Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance Program, the first of its kind and still the only one that doesn't expire. Our Customer Assistance is there for you 24 hours a day, every day. And there's

also the convenience of MBUSA.com that puts our world at your fingertips—from your first exciting look at Mercedes through years of satisfying ownership. When we invented the first car in 1886, we also created the first car owner. For nearly 120 years, we've been committed to ensuring that driving a Mercedes-Benz is an experience you'll always enjoy.

24-hour Roadside Assistance for the life of the vehicle

The first of its kind, the Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance Program is still the only one that remains in effect for the entire life of the car. Our Roadside Assistance technicians can draw on years of experience and training to get you back on the road as quickly as possible.¹

Mercedes-Benz warranties²

Our New Vehicle Limited Warranty runs 48 months or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first. And anytime during new-vehicle warranty coverage, you can also purchase a Mercedes-Benz Extended Limited Warranty that will provide additional protection when the New Vehicle Limited Warranty expires.

The Mercedes-Benz Maintenance System

We've made caring for your CLS-Class easier than ever. With the Mercedes-Benz Maintenance System, the service intervals are fixed and predictable—every 13,000 miles or one year (10,000 miles/1 year for AMG models).³ Your car will even remind you, about a month before service is due, via an automatic display on the dashboard that also tells you which type of maintenance service is due.

The no-charge Service Welcome

Getting proper care for your Mercedes is easiest when you go to the people who know your vehicle—and you—best: your Mercedes-Benz Center's Service Department. And to help you get acquainted, just bring your car in for a no-charge first visit between 1,000 and 3,000 miles, where your dealer will perform a diagnostic check and address any questions you might have. It's part of our no-charge Service Welcome, which also provides a check of your tires anytime before 6,500 miles.⁴

24-hour Customer Service

Our Customer Assistance Center is your one-stop source for answers. Whether you need to know how to use your audio system, find the nearest Mercedes-Benz dealer, get pricing, or learn about personal and automotive accessories, just call 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES or Tele Aid subscribers can press the *i*-button in their car.⁵

Sign and Drive

Our legendary Roadside Assistance service includes bringing you some fuel if you've run out, replacing a flat tire with your spare, or jump-starting your car if the battery dies. All at no charge, and all for as long as you're driving a Mercedes-Benz—even somebody else's.⁶ Help is as close as your car's wrench button⁵ or just a call away at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.

Trip Interruption benefits

In the unlikely event that a breakdown covered by your MBUSA New Vehicle Limited Warranty occurs more than 100 miles from your home, leaves your Mercedes inoperable or unsafe to drive, and requires overnight repairs at a Mercedes-Benz Center, you'll be reimbursed up to \$300 per day for any documented expenses—for up to three days—for meals, lodging and substitute transportation.

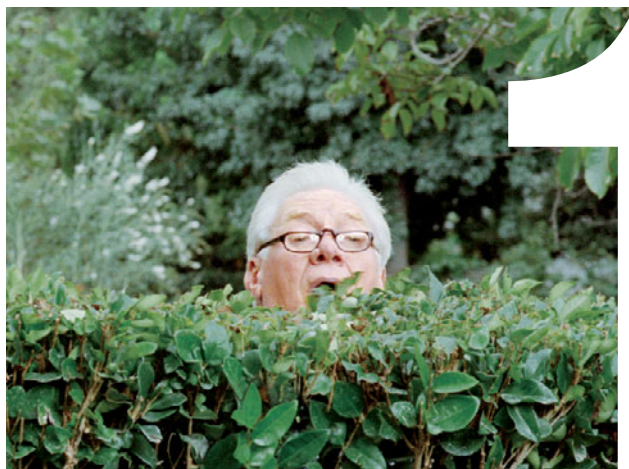
Alternate Transportation

When you bring your vehicle into a Mercedes-Benz Center for servicing during the warranty period, ask about your dealer's Alternate Transportation Program—so you can maintain your busy schedule while your dealer maintains your car.⁷

¹ Roadside Assistance repairs may involve charges for parts, service and towing. Depending on the circumstances, these services may be provided by an outside service, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. ² Please see your dealer for warranty details as well as for terms, conditions and pricing for extended limited warranty options. A surcharge will apply if purchased after first 12 months. ³ Whichever comes first. Requires use of 229.5-spec oil and high-performance fleece oil filter. Driver is responsible for monitoring fluid levels and tire pressures between service visits. See Maintenance Booklet for details. ⁴ Follow tire manufacturer's recommendations. ⁵ First year's Tele Aid Security & Care service provided at no additional cost with subscription. Subscription and acquaintance call required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and Global Positioning System coverage are available. See your dealer for details of telematics services. ⁶ For full details of Sign and Drive services, as well as the Roadside Assistance Program, please see your dealer. ⁷ Certain restrictions may apply. Terms, conditions and dealer participation may vary.

Who cares about being first?

Your neighbor.



Neighborhood watch takes on a whole new meaning

When you own a Mercedes, you'll just have to face up to the fact that people will look, and people will talk. But that's really nothing new, because the world has been fascinated by Mercedes-Benz design as long as there have been Mercedes automobiles. Our secret? We don't style a car to look good for just this year, or even the next few years. Instead, we believe a Mercedes should inspire passion for a lifetime. It's why many of our creations not only become more desirable as time goes by, but some, like the 300SL Gullwing of the 1950s, even become cultural icons. They've been immortalized in the art of Andy Warhol and in music from Janis Joplin to Jay-Z. You'll even find that the CL-Class and CLK-Class are the leaders in a modern renaissance of pillarless coupe design. So it shouldn't surprise you that Mercedes owners often become Mercedes collectors, and that certain models are now worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. And while only the rarest models are likely to reach those kind of values, we think that with its timeless style, your appreciation of your Mercedes will begin almost immediately. And that's something worth looking into.



E 320 Sedan



Who cares about being first?

Every automaker.

Every car on the road is a Mercedes

Wishful thinking on our part? Perhaps. But more important, no matter what kind of vehicle you drive, you're probably enjoying technology that Mercedes-Benz developed first. Since 1886, when we patented the very first automobile, we've been continually testing, designing and innovating to make automobiles better. In fact, Mercedes-Benz has pioneered, patented and introduced thousands of advances in performance, safety and convenience — many of which eventually show up on virtually every automobile. Along the way, we've created items that many might take for granted now, but were revolutionary when they were introduced, including fuel injection, 4-wheel independent suspension — even the honeycomb radiator design of 1901 that still makes efficient engine-cooling possible today. You'll also find state-of-the-art safety features like our **ESP** stability control and emergency-sensing Brake Assist. We're flattered that so many of our competitors adopt our technology. So if you're wondering what all cars will have in the future, all you have to do is see what's on a Mercedes today.

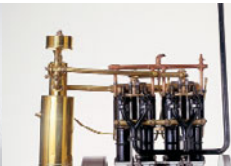
No company has done more to improve the automobile than the one who invented it

In 1886, Karl Benz earned the patent for the first automobile. He went on to earn the patents for the first motorcycle and the first truck, too. Having developed such revolutionary ideas for their time, an ordinary man might have decided to rest on his laurels. But Karl Benz loved machinery – especially automobiles. And he loved to innovate, continually improving and even reinventing his ideas. Over the years, the

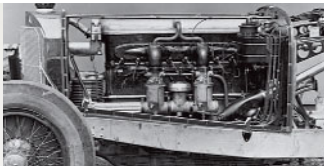
vision, spirit and determination of one man grew to become the defining character of one company – Mercedes-Benz. Whether it's the advancement of performance, safety, durability or convenience, the inquisitive spirit of the man who invented the very first automobile lives in everything we do, even to this day. You might say that Mercedes-Benz has been reinventing the automobile for 119 years.



1886
The first car



1911
The first multivalve engine



1921
The supercharged engine



1931
Independent suspension



1936
The first diesel passenger car



1951
The crumple zone



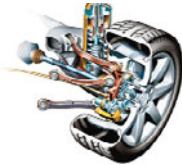
1954
Fuel injection



1971
A patent for the air bag



1981
Seat-belt Emergency Tensioning Device (ETD)



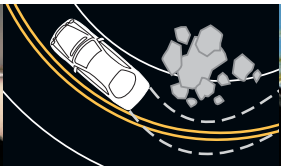
1982
Multilink rear suspension



1985
Electronic traction control



1989
The pop-up roll bar



1995
Electronic Stability Program



1996
Panorama roof



1997
The first compact fuel-cell car



1997
Low-emission SUV



1997
Brake Assist



1997
BabySmart™ system



1997
SmartKey



1997
Touch Start



1998
Head Protection Curtains



1998
10-way air-bag protection



1999.....



1999 Active Body Control

> The most advanced active suspension on the market, ABC uses a system of sensors and electronically controlled high-pressure hydraulics to instantly counteract the forces of vibration, pitch, dive, squat and roll. You can also raise the ride height for added clearance.



1999 Climate-control seat-belt usage sensors

> Seat-belt usage sensors allow the climate control to focus first on occupied seating positions. A perfect example of how Mercedes-Benz systems work together to make things better for you.



1999 Airmatic semi-active suspension

> Airmatic uses electronically controlled air springs to maintain an ideally balanced ride. It also lowers the ride height at higher speeds for improved aerodynamics and fuel efficiency. And automatic 4-wheel level control responds to passenger and cargo loads.



2000 Distronic adaptive cruise control

> The industry's first adaptive cruise control, DISTRONIC monitors the distance of the vehicle ahead to help maintain your preset speed and following distance automatically.¹



2001 Keyless Go

> Keyless Go lets you lock or unlock your vehicle without removing the key from your pocket or purse. Start-up is equally easy: Put your foot on the brake, tap the top of the gearshift, and you're ready to drive off.



2002 Drive-Dynamic front seats

> When you're cornering, air chambers in each side bolster automatically inflate and deflate to help hold you in position. Make a hard left turn, and the right bolster firms up with air. A sharp right, and the left side inflates.



2002 PRE-SAFE

> If, by monitoring the Brake Assist and the Electronic Stability Program, PRE-SAFE[®] senses that an accident is possible, it will take action to better protect you, including tensioning the front seat belts, adjusting the front passenger seat – even closing the sunroof for an imminent rollover.



2002 Twin-turbo V-12 engine

> The recipe for 493 hp and 590 lb-ft of torque includes such impressive technology as two liquid-to-air intercoolers, die-cast alloy engine block, heads and pistons, and magnesium cylinder-head covers.



2002 Sensotronic Brake Control

> The world's first production electrohydraulic braking system uses its genius to improve everyday driving situations. Lift your foot off the accelerator quickly – as you would when making a sudden stop – and Sensotronic sets the brake pads closer to the discs for even quicker response. Turn on the windshield wipers, and Sensotronic periodically and imperceptibly applies the brakes to keep them drier and ready for action.



2003 7-speed automatic transmission

> Another industry first, the 7-speed automatic transmission finds the ideal gear for every situation, while providing smoother, quicker shifts that keep the power coming on strong at virtually any speed.



2004 New high-output, high-efficiency engines

> With the launch of the 2005 SLK, an all-new engine family debuts. In the SLK350, it's a 36-valve DOHC V-6 producing 268 hp and featuring continuously variable intake and exhaust valves, a two-stage intake manifold, innovative tumble flaps in the intake ducts, and alloy heads and block.

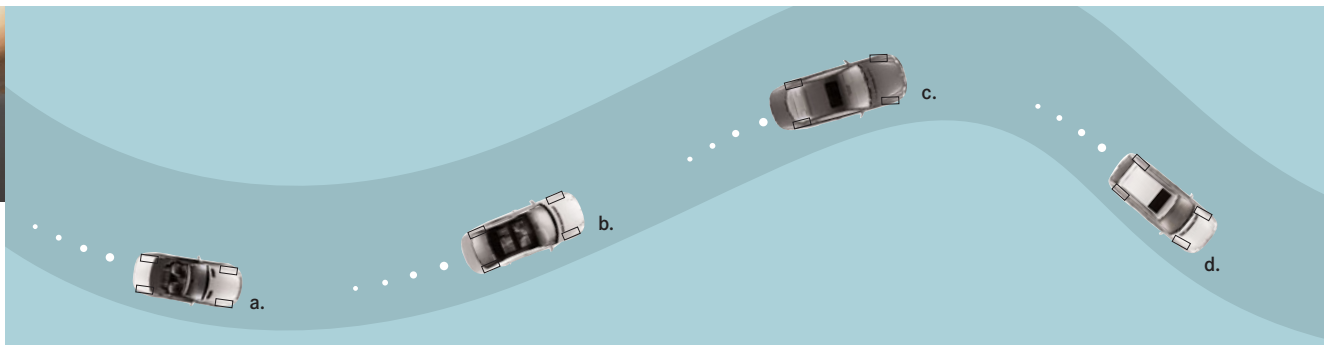
Some features are optional or not available on some models. See model brochure or your dealer for details.

¹ DISTRONIC adaptive cruise control is no substitute for active driving involvement. It does not react to stationary objects, nor recognize or predict the curvature and lane layout of the road or the movement of vehicles ahead, and it can only apply a maximum of 20% of vehicle braking power. It is the driver's responsibility at all times to be attentive to traffic and road conditions, and to provide the steering, braking and other driving inputs necessary to retain control of the vehicle.



Graded on a curve

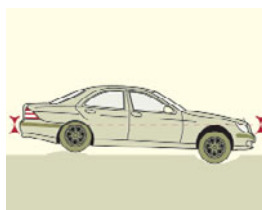
When the road tests the mettle of a vehicle's handling systems, you want nothing less than outstanding performance. That's why every Mercedes-Benz offers industry-leading innovations, such as our pioneering ESP stability control that remains the standard of the industry. Select models employ our Airmatic air suspension that proves a car can give sport-sedan performance without sacrificing a luxurious ride. For true handling honors, look no further than our **Active Body Control (ABC)**—the most advanced active suspension system available—which can virtually eliminate body roll when cornering. And for advanced studies in traction, Mercedes innovations include the revolutionary 4-wheel Electronic Traction System (4-ETS), and the all-season grip of 4MATIC™ all-wheel drive. So while others may hope for a passing grade, we're only happy when we set the curve.



a. **Electronic Stability Program (ESP)**

Every Mercedes enjoys a handling advantage that allows it to react quickly and confidently to unexpected driving situations. It's our **Electronic Stability Program**, which continuously monitors your steering and braking actions while you're cornering and compares them to the actual vehicle path. If it senses the onset of plowing (understeer) or fishtailing (oversteer), ESP brakes individual wheels and/or reduces excess engine power, to help keep you on course. ESP also incorporates traction control to help control wheelspin during acceleration!

1 No system, no matter how sophisticated, can repeal the laws of physics. Performance is limited by available traction, which snow, ice and other conditions can affect. Always drive carefully, consistent with conditions. Best performance in snow is obtained with winter tires.



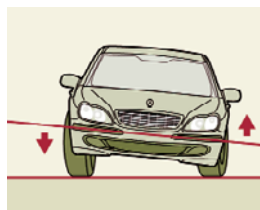
b. **Multilink suspensions and ADS II adaptive damping**

For legendary control, every Mercedes passenger car enjoys 4-wheel multilink suspension² featuring antidive geometry for exceptional poise, even under severe braking. The rear multilink design—a Mercedes innovation—controls rear-wheel movement with outstanding precision, making it ideal for rear-wheel-drive vehicles. Part of our Airmatic air suspension³, the Adaptive Damping System (ADS II) lets you tailor your driving experience with three selectable suspension modes—two for sport and one for comfort—and continually optimizes ride and handling by individually adjusting each wheel's shock absorber every time the wheel changes its direction of up/down travel.

2 Double wishbone front suspension on E-Class and S-Class models with 4MATIC all-wheel drive. 3 Airmatic and ADS II standard on E500, E55 AMG, S430 and S500 models, and optional on E320 models (except E320 CDI).

4-wheel Electronic Traction System

Our advanced 4-wheel Electronic Traction System (4-ETS) is an innovation in all-wheel traction that can help get your all-wheel-drive Mercedes moving even if only one wheel has grip. If 4-ETS detects the onset of wheelspin, it applies the brakes to the slipping wheel or wheels, to restore the balance of the engine's torque to all four wheels. By simulating the effect of locking the front, center or rear differentials, 4-ETS helps ensure that power is sent to where the traction is—even if that's only one wheel! There are no buttons to push or levers to engage. It's an integral part of the full-time 4-wheel drive and Electronic Stability Program (ESP) of every M-Class and G-Class, and every Mercedes sedan or wagon with 4MATIC all-wheel drive.



c. **Active Body Control (ABC)**

ABC allows you a driving experience you simply cannot find elsewhere, providing an ideal balance of ride and handling, and is capable of cornering with virtually no body roll. ABC uses a system of sensors and electronically controlled high-pressure hydraulics to instantly counteract the forces of vibration, pitch, dive, squat and roll. Self-leveling, automatic-lowering ABC even lets you raise the ride height for added clearance on rutted roads or in deep snow.

Active Body Control (ABC) standard on SL-Class, CL-Class, S55 AMG and S600, and optional on S430 and S500.



d. **4MATIC all-wheel drive**

With 4MATIC, you get the outstanding control of all-wheel drive without sacrificing true sport-sedan driving enjoyment. The system is always engaged and always sending torque to every wheel. With 60% of the overall torque distributed to the rear wheels, crisp steering and the balanced feel of a rear-wheel-drive vehicle are retained, making a 4MATIC Mercedes a joy to drive in any season. And 4MATIC works together with our standard corner-taming ESP, enhancing the all-wheel advantage through curves in rain, snow or even sun.

4MATIC optional on C-Class Luxury models, E-Class (except E320 CDI and E55 AMG), S430 and S500, and standard on E500 4MATIC Wagon.

Who cares about being first?

Lifesavers.

When you don't have a second to lose

The streets of Copenhagen are narrow, twisty and often made of cobblestone. They're also the lifeline for the Danish Ambulance Service, which has made over 12,500 emergency responses in their Mercedes SUVs. Working as a team, driver Torben Bang Christensen, Dr. Annemarie Sørensen and their ML 320 leave the hospital hundreds of times each year with one goal in mind – being first on the scene of a medical emergency. Sometimes they travel at high speed through those narrow streets. And sometimes they need to use the sidewalk, or cut across parks – whatever it takes. Dodging cars, cyclists and pedestrians along the way. Even the weather throws down its own challenges, including sleet, rain and heavy winter snow. And no matter what obstacles may come their way, with its durability, responsiveness and vault-like security, both Annemarie and Torben agree: “When we drive in the ML, we feel very safe.”





116 heads of state

Wolfgang Wöstendieck is a chauffeur who drove for the German government for many years. In his tenure, he had the honor of carrying 116 heads of state, including presidents, premiers and prime ministers. And regardless of title, they all enjoyed the security, luxury and serenity of his Mercedes-Benz 600 "Pullman" limousine — even when they needed to travel at speeds approaching 120 mph. These magnificent automobiles were made to order in the '60s and '70s, and many still carry the world's dignitaries from place to place today. Reunited with one of the 600s he drove — now a cherished museum piece — Wolfgang's fondness for the car remains strong. Immaculately dressed and soft-spoken, he proudly shows the car's special amenities such as the reclining rear seats or the soft amber interior lighting. When it's time to go, it shouldn't surprise you that Wolfgang drives off in his own Mercedes-Benz. After all, he wouldn't dream of treating the dignitaries in his life to anything less.



Tele Aid wrench button

Press the wrench button to request our legendary Roadside Assistance. You'll be connected to a trained professional who knows your location, the model of your car, even its color.²



Tele Aid SOS button

When trouble strikes, help for you or others is just the push of a button away. The SOS button will connect you to Mercedes-Benz emergency response personnel who can summon paramedics and police, and call your on-file emergency contacts. And you can feel secure knowing that if your air bag deploys, the system will automatically call for help, and will alert us to your location by satellite.²

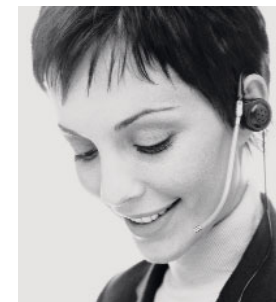
Lifetime Roadside Assistance

The first of its kind, the Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance Program is still the only one that remains in effect for the entire life of the vehicle. Our Roadside Assistance technicians are accomplished problem-solvers who can draw on years of experience and training to get you back on the road as quickly as possible. And if that isn't impressive enough, our legendary Roadside Assistance service includes Sign and Drive, which will bring you some fuel if you've run out, replace a flat tire with your spare, or jump-start your car if the battery is dead. All at no charge, and all for as long as you're driving a Mercedes-Benz — even somebody else's. And while this is more than any other manufacturer provides, when it comes to your peace of mind, we wouldn't consider doing any less!¹



Tele Aid i-button

Information, please. Press the *i*-button and the Mercedes-Benz Customer Assistance Center can help you get answers to vehicle questions or locate your nearest Mercedes-Benz dealer. To further enhance your ownership experience, you can also use the *i*-button to connect to optional services such as Route Assistance and Traffic Information.²



Traffic Information and Route Assistance

An option of your Tele Aid subscription features an automated voice menu to give you hands-free access to information you need.

Tele Aid's Traffic Information service offers real-time, voice-delivered traffic reports that are based on your vehicle's current location — within a 5-mile radius, or along any of up to five regular commutes that you program at our website. Traffic reports are available in over 100 cities and can be updated every minute.

Unlimited, nationwide operator-delivered Route Assistance can help get you to your destination with a minimum of wasted time.

¹ Roadside Assistance repairs may involve charges for parts, service and towing. Vehicle must be accessible from main roads. Depending on the circumstances, these services may be provided by an outside service, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. For models factory-equipped with no spare tire, Roadside Assistance will attempt to reinflate a flat tire after using the vehicle's Tirefit puncture sealant. For full details of Sign and Drive services, as well as the Roadside Assistance Program, please see your dealer. ² First year's basic Tele Aid service provided at no additional cost with subscription. Subscription and acquaintance call required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and Global Positioning System coverage are available. See your dealer for details of telematics services.